Levy of Market Fees in Weekly Shandies.

Q.—38. **Mr. G. P. RANGAPPA** (Honnali Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that people coming from the villages to the weekly shandy with the grain grown by them get petty sums only after selling their commodities;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware as to how much hardship and inconvenience is caused to the poor villagers by the prompt levy of market fees immediately on entering into the shandy with their bags and baskets?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) Yes. The fee is also graduated.

(*b*) Prepayment of market fees is inevitable under the circumstances.

Concessions to Raiyats.

Q.—43. **Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA** (Davangere Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) how long it is since Government granted certain concessions regarding land revenue to agriculturists; (ii) are the raiyats enjoying the benefits of these concessions;

(*b*) are these concessions being renewed year by year or have they been made permanent;

(*c*) what are the percentages of land revenue collections in the several taluks in the State during the years 1933-34, 1934-35 and 1935-36;

(*d*) in how many cases were coercive processes adopted for the recovery of land revenue; what is the nature of processes adopted;

(*e*) what is the amount realised in each taluk in the State as notice and *istihar* fees during these three years;

(*f*) has it come to the notice of Government that, in the case of raiyats who have not paid even the current dues on account of difficulties, the authorities are demanding also the land revenue for the next year in advance;

(*g*) has it come to the notice of Government that, on account of the land revenue concessions not having been renewed during the year 1936-37, notice and sale *istihar* fees are being recovered from the raiyats?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) (i) Since the year 1933-34.

(ii) Yes.

(*b*) Renewed from year to year.

(*c*) Please see statement attached to reply to Question No. 33.

(*d*)—

Notice of demand Section 158	Sale of occupancy Section 159	Distraint and sale of movables, Section 160
2,20,739	58,473	32,679

(*e*) *Vide* statement attached. (*Vide* Appendix).

(*f*) No such instances have been brought to notice.

(*g*) As the period of grant of the concessions expired on 30-6-1936, the ordinary rules regarding the recovery of process fees are being followed from 1-7-1936. Orders have since issued directing the continuance of the concessions during the current official year.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—With reference to answer (*f*), if such cases are brought to notice, will necessary action be taken?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If anything has been done contrary to the instructions of Government, disciplinary action would be taken against the officials concerned.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—In the matter of restoring the *khate*, have not the revenue authorities demanded the payment of the ensuing year's assessment in advance?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If such instances are brought to notice, they will be inquired into.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—Will Government see that such an injustice does not occur in future?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We do not admit that it has occurred.